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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON NEW TRAINING ON EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA

REFERENCE: STATE 4484

1. BEFORE ANSWERING REFTEL IN SPECIFICS EMB WOULD APPRECIATE
BACKGROUND THIS PROPOSAL. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING PROGRAM
IS ADDRESSED TO PROGRAMS RELATING TO SOUTH AFRICA RATHER THAN
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. ON TRAINING OF BLACK LABOR LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA WE HAVE
POUCHED AIRGRAM (PRETORIA A-05) DATED JAN 9) ENTITLED "BLACK
LABOR IN SOUTH AFRICA; OPPORTUNITIES FOR US ASSISTANCE" WHICH
SUGGESTS SERIES OF APPROPRIATE MEASURES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FOCUSING GREATER MISSION ATTENTION ON BLACK LABOR DEVELOPMENTS.
WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW LABOR ATTACHE AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF RES-
PONSIBILITIES WITH THE POLITICAL SECTION, WE EXPECT TO COVER THIS
REQUIREMENT FOR THE PRESENT WITHIN CURRENT RESOURCES, ALTHOUGH
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WE FORESEE THE FUTURE NEED OF AN ASSISTANT TO THE REGIONAL LABOR

OFFICER TO CONCENTRATE ON BLACK LABOR CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES.

(B) VISIT OF SMALL AFL/CIO TEAM TO CONSULT IN DUE COURSE
WITH PROPOSED NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE ON WAYS IN
WHICH US LABOR COULD ASSIST IN LABOR EDUCATION TRAINING.

(C) SECONDMENT TO THE INSTITUTE OF ONE OR TWO LABOR
EDUCATION EXPERTS, EITHER FROM UNIONS OR THE ACADEMIC FIELD, TO
ASSIST ITS PROGRAMS.

(D) TECHNICAL OR EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS
EITHER BY FURNISHING INSTRUCTORS FOR WORK HERE OR OFFERING ACADEMIC
OR PRACTICAL COURSES IN THE US.

(E) ALLOCATION OF TEN ADDITIONAL IV GRANTS FOR NON-WHITE
LABOR-RELATED LEADER OR POTENTIAL LEADERS.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT MODALITIES OF EXTENDING SUCH AID. WE
ASSUME THERE IS NO PLAN FOR US-SAG BILATERAL AID AGREEMENT WHICH WE
BELIEVE WOULD BE MOST UNWISE. THUS WE ASSUME SUCH AID AS COMING TO
SA WOULD BE FUNNELED THROUGH PRIVATE US ORGANIZATIONS UNDER CONTRACT
WITH AID.

4. BECAUSE WE ARE IN MIDST OF PRETORIA-CAPE TOWN MOVE MORE DETAILED
RESPONSE COVERING GENERAL GUIDELINES AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

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